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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Satoshi YASHIRO et al.

Application No.: 10/618,050

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows: